



Royal Ocean Racing Club Rating Office

GBR IRC Committee - IRC Fees and Fee Structure 2006

Last year, it was noted that we aimed to keep increases to revalidation fees as low as possible with revenue being made up by larger percentage fees for new applications and also for other activities such as amended and trial certificate fees. By this approach, the cost to an owner simply revalidating his certificate and using that unchanged through the whole year is kept to a minimum. We propose to generally follow the same policy for 2006.

We also intend two changes to the IRC fee structure for 2006.

1. IRC Fees 2006

The following fees are proposed.

Service	2004 £	2005 £	2006 £	2005- 2006 %
New Application (EXCEL)	7.70/m	7.90/m	8.20/m	3.8
Revalidation	6.90/m	7.00/m	7.10/m	1.4
Endorsement administration fee	20.00	25.00	25.00	0.0
Amended certificate	2.85/m	3.00/m	3.10/m	3.3
Trial certificate	3.35/m	3.50/m	3.60/m	2.9
Re-Registration	3.60/m	3.75/m	3.85/m	2.7
Measurement	25.00/hr	30.00/hr	31.00/hr	3.3
Weighing	6.50/m	7.00/m	7.25/m	3.6
Loadcell carriage charge	20.00	25.00	26.00	4.0
Inclining for SSS or STIX	20.00/m	20.00/m	22.00/m	10.0
FAXed or .PDF Certificate	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.0
Copy certificate	6.00	10.00	10.00	0.0

2. New Applications

As noted elsewhere, with the implementation of our new IRC software, it is now possible to directly read in data from an EXCEL IRC application form E-Mailed to us. This has the primary major benefit of saving substantial copy typing for us. Less obviously, it obviates completely the illegible scrawl that we have so often been asked to interpret. We have also taken the opportunity to incorporate data checking routines into the application form to assist both owners and us in first level data checking. In future we intend therefore to discontinue printing the current paper application form in the Yearbook. It will still be available for those unwilling to use EXCEL and E-Mail, but a surcharge of 25% of the IRC New Application fee will be charged in those cases:

Service	2004 £	2005 £	2006 £
New Application (Paper)	N/A	N/A	10.25/m

3. Late Applications

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In recent years we have seen an Increasing number of late applications for rating and for rating changes. Whenever possible these are processed such that the owners receive their certificates when wanted. The inevitable and undesirable side effect is that the issue of certificates to other owners is delayed through no fault of theirs. We have discussed in the past an 'Expedited Processing Fee' and have now concluded that this should be implemented.

Administratively, the Rating Office would have the discretion as to when this was levied. Appropriate wording will be included in the IRC Yearbook and distributed to overseas IRC administrators. Generally, the fee would be levied for applications (new, revalidations, amendments, trials, re-registrations) received less than 7 working days before issue of the certificate was required. In practice, a late application would go into the system in exactly the same way as any other application. It would only be subject to the expedited process and fee if either the applicant requested so with the application or following a subsequent direct request by the applicant and acknowledgement from him that the expedited processing fee would be charged. Owners would not be charged without their prior knowledge.

The Expedited Processing Fee will be double the normal fee for the service:

Service	2004	2005	2006
Expedited Processing Fee	N/A	N/A	Fee * 2

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